

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the late former Indiana
State Senator F. Wesley Bowers.

BECKER, TOMES

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the late former
2 Indiana State Senator F. Wesley Bowers.

3 *Whereas, From 1962-1966, Democrat F. Wesley Bowers*
4 *served the State of Indiana, specifically Vanderburgh, Posey*
5 *and Warrick Counties, as one of the youngest state senators in*
6 *Indiana history;*

7 *Whereas, During his time in the Indiana legislature,*
8 *Bowers spearheaded Indiana's first seat belt law and*
9 *championed the establishment of the University of Southern*
10 *Indiana;*

11 *Whereas, In 1963, Bowers was chosen as the Outstanding*
12 *Freshman Democrat by the Press Association;*

13 *Whereas, As a prominent Evansville attorney, Bowers*
14 *served as president of the Evansville Bar Association; chaired*
15 *the Indiana Trial Lawyers Section at Indiana State and the*
16 *Indiana State Bar Association; held various positions on the*
17 *National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel and the Indiana*
18 *Defense Lawyers Association, Inc.; was the president of the*
19 *Indiana Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates; was a*



1 *fellow for the American Bar Foundation; served on the Civil*
2 *Justice Reform Advisory Committee in the U.S. District Court*
3 *for the Southern District of Indiana; and was a part of the*
4 *Indiana Joint Task Force on Mediator Training and*
5 *Certification;*

6 *Whereas, Bowers graduated with a B.A.. in 1948 and with*
7 *a J.D. in 1951, both from Indiana University;*

8 *Whereas, Wes, as he was fondly known, could often be*
9 *heard whistling up Main Street as he walked from his office to*
10 *Court, he delighted in travel and enjoyed fine art, music, and*
11 *reading; and*

12 *Whereas, He passed away in Nashville, Tennessee on*
13 *January 24, 2016, and is survived by his daughter Nancy*
14 *Bowers Tiller, his son, Judge Scott Bowers, daughter-in-law*
15 *Nancy Nicholson Bowers, Grandchildren Katherine Bowers*
16 *(Michael) Hussey, Ethan Bowers, and Andrew Tiller, and Great*
17 *Grandchildren Matthew and Julia Hussey: Therefore,*

18 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the*
19 *State of Indiana:*

20 *SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the late former*
21 *Indiana State Senator F. Wesley Bowers for his public service to*
22 *Indiana and efforts in the local and national legal communities.*

23 *SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to*
24 *transmit a copy of this Resolution to the family of former State Senator*
25 *F. Wesley Bowers.*

